GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HAJ PILGRIMS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilgrims selected for Haj Pilgrimage for the current year;

(b) whether the Government has received any request from the various State Governments to increase their quota for Haj Pilgrimage;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) The quota for India allotted by the Government of Saudi Arabia for Haj 2007 is 1,57,000 pilgrims. Haj Committee of India has been allotted pilgrim quota of 1,10,000 and private tour operators 47,000.

(b) Yes.

(c) The quota of the Haj Committee of India, earmarked for the states has already been allocated to the states in an equitable manner, based on their Muslim population as well as the unutilised quota of the states where surplus quota was available.